

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who prove to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through their selfless service with spiritual institutions; and

Whereas, David Upchurch has attained considerable distinction during the past twenty-five years as the Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music for Heartland Family Ministries, a group of enterprises which includes First Baptist Church, Heartland High School and Academy, and Heartland Preschool and Child Care; and

Whereas, David Upchurch prepared for his religious leadership activities by earning a degree in music education from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; lifetime teacher certification from the state of Missouri; and professional teacher's certification from the Association of Christian Schools International; and

Whereas, a consistent community resource in the cities of Belton and Raymore, David Upchurch has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his efforts in directing the annual presentation of the Heartland Passion Play for eleven years, the annual Christmas Land for fifteen years, the Music and Fine Arts Program of Heartland Family Schools for twenty years, and the Heartland Adult Choir and Children's Music Programs; and for his service as Elementary School Principal for six years and as Headmaster for three years; and

Whereas, David Upchurch also deserves mention of his special status as an active leader in Missouri Baptist life and in the Southern Baptist Convention; and

Whereas, David Upchurch will be the guest of honor at two morning events on June 6, 2004, in light of his Twenty-fifth Anniversary at Heartland Family Ministries: a General Reception composed of testimonies and a receiving line in the Auditorium and a Family Worship service which will be devoted to presentations, special testimonies, and music:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the twenty-five years of service so generously given by David Upchurch to Heartland Family Ministries through his leadership efforts as Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of David Upchurch.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker